

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



I Know Whom I Have Believed

¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. —II Timothy 1:11-12

There are many things that we struggle to know or may never know. In his hymn, “I Know Whom I Have Believed,”

Dr. Trevor Smith Daniel Webster Whittle mentions five things he does not know:

1. I know not why God’s wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.
2. I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his word wrought peace within my heart.
3. I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in him.
4. I know not what of good or ill may be reserved for me,
of weary ways or golden days, before his face I see.
5. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noontide fair,
nor if I walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.

God’s ways are sometimes a mystery to us. It may be difficult to understand why God extends such wondrous grace to us or how God works in our lives to help us believe the Good News of Jesus Christ. We may not perceive the way the Holy Spirit convinces us of our sin so that we might confess it and repent of it. And we certainly do not know what the future holds for us from day to day. There are many things we may not know or even cannot know.

In spite of all that we do not know, we can be sure of the One in whom we have believed. When the Apostle Paul was in prison he expressed to Timothy that he still felt empowered through his sufferings because he knew in whom he believed. Daniel Webster Whittle directly quotes the King James Version of II Timothy 1:12 in “I Know Whom I Have Believed” when he writes:

But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I’ve committed unto him against that day.

On Sunday, we will continue our **Playlist** sermon series by taking a closer look at the hymn “I Know Whom I Have Believed” and Daniel Webster Whittle’s faith journey including his experience serving in the Union Army during the Civil War and the way God touched his heart and worked through him when he was a prisoner of war.

We will also honor and bless the men in our church as we celebrate Father’s Day. I hope you will invite someone you know to worship with us in our sanctuary or online at 9:30 or 10:50 a.m. We will continue to offer worship at 9:30 and 10:50 for the remaining Sundays in June, and we will return to our regular Sunday morning schedule on July 5 with Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21
Worship at 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Online Worship at 9:30 and 10:50

Sunday, June 28
Worship at 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Online Worship at 9:30 and 10:50

Friday, July 3
Church Office Closed
The Learning Center Closed

Sunday, July 5
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Online Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Monday, July 6
Women’s A.A. Meeting at 5:30

Sunday, July 12
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Online Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Monday, July 13
Women’s A.A. Meeting at 5:30

Sunday, July 19
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Online Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 26
Worship at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Online Worship at 8:30 and 10:50
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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The Learning Center

Mon, Wed 9:00 - 2:30
Tues, Thurs 9:00 - 4:00
Friday 9:00 - 1:59
(405)842-5325



Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality Greeters

Are you enthusiastic about our church? If so, this is an opportunity you might enjoy. Please see Dr. Trevor Smith for more details.

Chancel Flowers

June 7: The chancel flowers were given in memory of Jeffrey Connor Elkins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Elkins.

June 21: The chancel flowers are given by Jim MacKellar in honor of Bette MacKellar's birthday.

June 28: The chancel flowers were given in celebration of Judy and Chris Kauffman's wedding anniversary.

Mission Candle

June 21: Available

June 28: Available

Tithes and Offerings

Although we will not be meeting in person the next few Sundays we are continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ at our church and in our community, and your giving makes that possible. There are many ways to give beyond passing the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. You can mail a check to Nichols Hills United Methodist Church at 1212 Bedford Drive, Nichols Hills, OK 73116 or you can give online through our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.

Worship Online

Join us online for worship! You can view our livestream at 10:50 a.m. on Sundays on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc). You can also view the worship service throughout the week. Please send us a message on Facebook to let us know you are participating. We will also post the Sermon Notes and the Prayer and Study Guide on Facebook as well as our website, www.nicholshillsumc.org.



Playlist

Your life has a **Playlist**—songs you sing in your car, songs that touch your soul songs you play again and again.

The great songs of our faith connect scripture to our hearts and help us live our faith each day.

Join us for our summer sermon series as we sing your favorite songs and tell the stories that inspired them.

June 21	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>
June 28	<i>Beautiful Things</i>
July 5	<i>This Is My Song</i>
July 12	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>
July 19	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>
July 26	<i>Oceans</i>

Online Worship: [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)

Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly

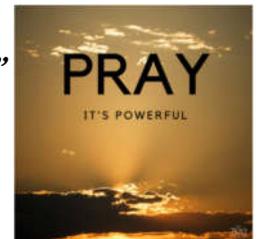
Every week we are blessed to minister to our T.L.C. Jaguar and Cheetah classrooms through Chapel. Last week I asked them if they have any special prayers that they would like to share with others. These are a few of the responses that I received: Kaiden Dunn, who is the great nephew to Alfred Walker, replied by saying, ***"Pray God, thank you for everything that you do for us. Amen."*** London said, ***"He loves you and takes care of us, so we just need to sit down!"***

Nora Johnson's prayer was, ***"Just Jesus." She also wanted to pray for Ms. Ashley.***

Ms. Ashley, one of our Jaguar teachers, prayed that, ***"Everyone will come together and be equal as one."***

If you would like to send us a prayer to share with others, please email me at: tdavison@nicholshillsumc.org.

Be Blessed,
Tausha



Regathering

We were glad to welcome people into our sanctuary the last three Sundays to worship together. We are committed to creating an environment that meets government recommendations for safety. To make that possible, our worship services have been redesigned to create a sanitary, touchless environment that allows for physical distancing. This includes a significantly reduced capacity. We are following the plan our Church Council approved by taking the following steps. Each step is contingent on the latest information available.

Step 1 — Online Worship at [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc) on Sunday, May 24.

We will continue to livestream our worship services each Sunday.

Step 2 — On Campus Worship beginning on Sunday, May 31.

We will maintain social distancing, and families will worship together.

Worship Services will be offered at 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.

No Childcare will be available.

No Sunday School Classes or Small Groups will meet.

No Outside Groups will meet.

Step 3 — Sunday School and Small Groups Resume on Sunday, July 5.

Children's Sunday School Classes and Adult Sunday School Classes resume with restrictions on size and with expectations for social distancing.

Worship Services will be offered at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Step 4 — Normal Activities Resume at Nichols Hills U.M.C. on Sunday, August 2.

Let's Work to Stay Healthy Together

What We're Doing

- All staff and volunteers will be wearing masks.
- Additional hand-sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building.
- All worship services will be a touchless experience, and all high-traffic areas will be thoroughly sanitized between services.
- No water fountains will be open or usable.
- No hospitality food or beverages will be offered.
- No offering plates will be passed. Instead, there will be offering plates in the back of the sanctuary for people who want to give.
- All hymnals, bibles, seatback materials, papers, and pens will be removed.
- We will use infrared thermometers to take the temperature of each person entering the building.

How You Can Help

- If you don't feel well or have health concerns, please stay home and join us for online worship at [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc).
- We encourage you to wear a mask, and will have one available for you if needed.
- Please wash your hands and use hand sanitizer often.
- Maintain a distance of six feet between yourself and other guests.

Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

and remember that they are dearly loved at TLC.

-Denise

Summer time is here! We've been playing outdoors and indoors. Our children get to enjoy snow cones on Mondays, cooking activities and movies on Tuesdays, music class on Wednesdays, and Amazing Athletes on Thursdays. Our Jabuars and Cheetahs enjoy Chapel Services three times a week with Pastor Trevor, Ms. Tausha, and Ms. Ashley from the Jaguars' classroom. The goal is always to provide meaningful experiences that the children will fondly remember. We hope they will always know



Birthdays

06/17 Jereme Cloud
06/18 Linda Rosser McDaniel
06/19 Antone Godding
06/19 Caroline Rainbolt-Forbes
06/19 Eleanor Rainbolt-Forbes
06/20 Akia Douglas
06/20 John Pippin
06/21 Bette MacKellar
06/22 Ann Marshall
06/24 Jackson Edmonds
06/27 Mary Forster
06/29 George Malone
07/01 Carla Hill
07/03 Tom Klos
07/03 Chris Lansden
07/04 Will Malone
07/04 Pam Shdeed
07/05 Peggy Crawford
07/06 Ronald Elkins
07/07 Sue Goodman
07/07 Jane Harlow
07/07 Allyson Smith
07/09 James Meyerson
07/09 Gladys Miskovsky
07/09 Michael Palmer
07/10 Nathaneal Crownover
07/14 Steve Dickey

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Ray and Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,
David Mueller

Sports Camp

We regret to inform you that Sports Camp has been canceled for this year. We look forward to hosting Sports Camp in 2021!



The Learning Center Continued



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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes will begin meeting again on July 5.

The Brew Class: *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join "The Brew" as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. For more information about "The Brew" contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn from different speakers on various topics. Leader: Lance Benham.

Reveille Class: *Meets in the Library* - Do you like to see how your faith impacts your everyday life? Join us for a discussion of how the Bible speaks to the current events in our lives. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

Open Circle Class: *Meets in the Archives Room* - Join us as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

Youth Class: *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God.

Second Graders through Fifth Graders: *Meets in Room 124.* Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other. Teacher: Lecye Lippoldt.

Children's Class: *Meets in the Children's Area.* - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about the Bible together. Director of Children's Ministry: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

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Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and A/V Tech

Marita Barkus, Nursery Attendant